SUBJECT NO. 23.

Amendment of section 35 (a) of the Mysore Stamp Regulation, II of 1900.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion. —This section may be amended so as to give the judicial authority levying the penalty some discretion in fixing the penalty instead of being obliged to levy ten times the duty due. For this purpose the words "of any sum not exceeding ten times such duty" may be substituted for the words "of a sum equal to ten times such duty" in the penultimate line in the Gazette copy of the Regulation.

Reply of Government.—The member was asked to submit a memorandum on the subject for the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT NO. 24.

Levy of 8 annas Court Fee stamps on judgments of Criminal Courts.

Mr. Lakshminarnappa, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—For the convenience of parties a fee of only 8 annas may be levied for copies of the judgments of Criminal Courts as is the case in the Civil Courts, instead of 8 annas per 360 words as at present.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 25.

Reduction of stamp duty on adoption deeds and deeds conferring the power of adoption.

Mr. Rangappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The duty of Rs. 10 levied at present is heavy, and may be reduced to Re. 1 in respect of these documents.

Reply of Government.—There are no good grounds for reducing the fee.

SUBJECT NO. 26.

Refund of stamps.

Mr. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 27.

The Mysore Mines Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Information may be furnished on the following points:—

(1) How many cases under this Regulation were brought before the Magistrates in 1907-08?

(2) How many ended in the conviction of the accused?

(3) In how many cases was reliance placed on the evidence of expert witnesses regarding the gold being that of the Kolar Gold Mines?

Reply of Government.—A review of the report on the subject will be published.

SUBJECT NO. 28.

Destruction of mongooses.

Mr. Ramachandrappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Government should prohibit the killing of mongooses and wild cats which are useful to men and cattle in destroying snakes, etc.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 29.

Introduction of the Bombay Mamlatdar Act.

Mr. Madappa, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Bombay Mamlatdar Act may be adapted and introduced into Mysore.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.